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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY
TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA.

2. "DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I HAVE BEEN IN FREQUENT
COMMUNICATION WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND HAVE
FOLLOWED CLOSELY AMBASSADOR IVOR RICHARD'S MISSION TO
SOUTHERN AFRICA. I CONTINUE TO HOPE THAT HE WILL BE
ABLE TO DEVELOP WITH YOU, YOUR COLLEAGUES THE FRONT
LINE PRESIDENTS, THE ZIMBABWEAN NATIONALISTS, THE
SALISBURY AUTHORITIES AND THE SOUTH AFRICANS AN ACCEPTABLE
BASIS FOR RECONVENING THE CONFERENCE IN GENEVA AND
PROCEEDING TO A SETTLEMENT OF THE ZIMBABWEAN QUESTION.

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3. I NEED HARDLY TELL YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES
RETAINS AN INTENSE INTEREST IN A SOLUTION TO THE
PROBLEM OF ZIMBABWE. WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO THE RAPID
ACHIEVEMENT OF MAJORITY RULE WITHIN THE PERIOD AGREED
TO AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. AS I WROTE YOU FROM
LONDON ON DECEMBER 11, WE SUPPORT THE FORMATION OF A

TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT WHICH WILL HAVE MAJORITY AFRICAN
REPRESENTATION. BRITAIN'S WILLINGNESS TO PLAY AN

IMPORTANT ROLE DURING TRANSITION IS THE NEW ELEMENT IN
THE SETTLEMENT WHICH YOU HAVE SOUGHT.

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UNDERSTAND AMBASSADOR RICHARD IS DESCRIBING IN DETAIL
BRITISH VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT. THE BRITISH HAVE OUR
FULL BACKING AND WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE OUR SUPPORT.

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FRAMEWORK WE ORIGINALLY DEVELOPED WHICH BROUGHT SMITH
TO GENEVA. SOME MEANS TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN THE
NEW BRITISH POSITION AND THE ORIGINAL FRAMEWORK MUST BE
FOUND IF WE ARE TO ACHIEVE RAPIDLY THE SETTLEMENT WE
ALL SEEK. THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ME INDICATES
THAT ONE WAY TO BRIDGE THE GAP COULD BE A COMMITMENT
THAT ONCE AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN FORMED AND
INSTALLED IN OFFICE THE WAR WOULD COME TO AN END. AN
INDICATION OF THIS NATURE, I BELIEVE, COULD HELP TO
IMPROVE THE ATMOSPHERE IN PRETORIA AND SALISBURY AND MAY
MAKE IT EASIER TO ELICIT THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE NEW
BRITISH PROPOSALS. A GUARANTEE OF THIS NATURE WOULD
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FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS MEET IN LUSAKA, GREAT IMPORTANCE
WILL BE ATTACHED TO PUBLIC STATEMENTS WHICH FOLLOW YOUR
DELIBERATIONS. AN INDICATION THAT THE SEARCH FOR PEACE
UNDERLINES ALL OUR OBJECTIVES WOULD BE HELPFUL.

6. I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU AND YOUR FELLOW PRESIDENTS
WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSING THE NAMIBIAN SITUATION. THE
UNITED STATES REMAINS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO A PEACEFUL
SETTLEMENT OF THE NAMIBIAN QUESTION AND AN OUTCOME
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7. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING MARK CHONA IN WASHINGTON AND WOULD APPRECIATE AT THE TIME OF HIS VISIT OR BEFORE

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8. WITH WARM REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER."
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